

Liberals

support government
regulation of
businesses; government
responsibility for welfare
of citizens; no regulation
of social behavior

Ronald Reagan

hollywood actor-
then California
Governor- then US
president in the
1980s

Iran- Contra Scandal

US sold weapons to Iran
and gave profits to the
Contras in Nicaragua;
Reagan knew about the
sale but not the profits
going to the Contras

Conservatives

divide power between
state and federal
governments; supports
lower taxes; religion is
important in guiding the
country

Reaganomics

plan to help the economy by lowering taxes and raising interest rates

Tiananmen Square

location of protests by students and workers for democracy in China

Strategic Defense Initiative

"Star Wars" - Reagan's program to develop weapons to shoot down incoming missiles

Desert Storm

First Iraqi war fought to push Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait

Brady Bill

gun control law
requiring
background checks
and waiting periods
to purchase a gun

al-Qaeda

a group of Muslims
considered to be
terrorists; they are
blamed for the
attacks on 9/11/01

Dayton Accords

helped to work
toward peace
in Bosnia

WTO

World Trade
Organization -
encouraged industrial
expansion to
underdeveloped
countries

NAFTA

North American Free Trade Agreement - US
Canada and Mexico -
caused a loss of jobs for
US workers

Americans With Disabilities Act

1973 law passed
to promote equal
treatment and
opportunities for all
Americans

Sun Belt

Southern region
from Virginia to
California; new
industrial region

Rust Belt

Old industrial
region of the
north eastern
US

Silicon Valley

Area in California where computer parts are made; gets its name from the silicon used in computer chips

Sandra Day O'Connor

first woman appointed to the Supreme Court; appointed by Reagan

Christina McAuliffe

teacher aboard the shuttle Challenger when it exploded

Perjury

the act of lying under oath

**Osama
bin Laden**

leader of al-Qaeda;
blamed for the
terrorist attacks on
America

**Sally
Ride**

**First
woman in
space**

**Saddam
Hussein**

Leader of Iraq
that invaded
Kuwait

**Kenneth
Starr**

attorney appointed
by Janet Reno to
investigate Clinton's
involvement in
Whitewater

Geraldine
Ferraro

first woman
to run for vice
president

Global
Warming

environmental
condition of
increasing
temperatures

